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REMARKS

Claims 1-31 were originally filed. Claims 32-33 were previously added. Claims 1-19 were previously withdrawn from consideration without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-22, 25, and 27 are cancelled. Claims 23-24 and 26-33 have been allowed. Claims 23-24 and 26 are currently amended.

Summary of Telephone Conference With The Examiner

Applicant thanks Examiner Hruskoci for the courtesy of a telephone conference on August 30, 2004. During the telephone conference, Applicant's representative discussed a further amendment to dependent claim 24 to provide proper antecedent basis. The Examiner agreed to consider the amendment.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 23-24 and 26-33 have been allowed. Dependent claim 24, which formerly depended from cancelled claim 20, is amended to depend from independent claim 26 to provide proper antecedent basis. No new matter has been added.

Accordingly, claims 23-24 and 26-33 are allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing Amendments and Remarks, this application is in condition for allowance.

If this Response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant requests any necessary extension of time.

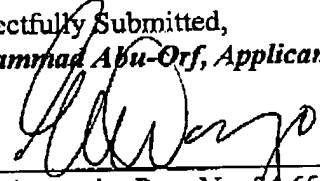
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No fee is due. If there is any other fee occasioned by this Response, including an extension fee that is not covered by the enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50/0214.

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